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SUBJECT: JCS EXERCISE ELITE TROOPER 78

1. THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WILL CONDUCT A BIENNIAL,
SELECTED PROCEDURAL WORLDWIDE COMMAND POST EXERCISE (CPX)
NICKNAMED ELITE TROOPER 78 DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 3-8

1978. THE BROAD OBJECTIVES OF ELITE TROOPER ARE TO
EXERCISE SELECTED CIVILIAN AND MILITARY STAFFS AND APPRO-

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PRIATE PLANS AND TO TEST PROCEDURES DURING A SIMULATED
PERIOD OF DETERIORATING WORLDWIDE POLITICO-MILITARY RELA-
TIONS WHICH ULTIMATELY RESULT IN STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WAR.
ELITE TROOPER IS A U.S.-ONLY EXERCISE (EXCEPT FOR LIMITED
CANADIAN PARTICIPATION SUPPORTING NORAD) AND INVOLVES
ONLY SIMULATED MOVEMENT OF FORCES.

2. IN VIEW OF THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AND SENSITIVITY OF SIMULATED OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED, EXERCISE ELITE TROOPER 78 WILL NOT BE PUBLICIZED. IF QUERIES ARE RECEIVED, THE RESPONSE TO MEDIA WILL BE LIMITED TO NOTING THE ROUTINE, PERIODIC NATURE OF JCS-SPONSORED COMMAND POST EXERCISES AND WILL NOT PRT NOT ACKNOWLEDGE GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS OF ANY ASPECT OF THE EXERCISE.

3. THERE WILL BE NO PARTICIPATION BY DIPLOMATIC POSTS ABROAD OR USUN. IF POSTS INADVERTENTLY RECEIVE EXERCISE TELEGRAMS FROM ANY SOURCE, NO RESPONSE SHOULD BE MADE AND THE TELEGRAM DISREGARDED. EXERCISE TELEGRAMS WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY FLAG WORDS EXERCISE ELITE TROOPER 78 AT BEGINNING AND END OF TEXT. VANCE

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